

AMENDMENT TO SPECIFICATION

Delete the first full paragraph of Page1 before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" and insert the following new paragraph:

--This application claims benefit of the filing date of the provisional application Serial No. 60/195,036 filed April 6, 2000 and is a continuation of copending non-provisional application, serial No.10/252,354 filed September 23, 2002 that is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/724,137 filed November 28, 2000.--

Amend the first full paragraph on page 5 and ending on page 6 as follows:

-- Each of the vertical posts 4 extend the height of the sidewall assembly 2 and is formed as an integral steel, plastic, or aluminum extrusion which may be shaped by stamping or other forming methods. The vertical posts 4 include a shallow modified central hat-shaped section 16 defined by flat central wall 16' and a pair of opposed integral lateral segments 18. The longitudinal flat walls 16' of side posts 4 are disposed in spaced parallel relationship to the interior surface wall 8' of the outer sheet 8. The lateral segments 22 also form smaller hat-shaped sections 19 in conjunction with base horizontal wall 20 and lateral segments on opposed sides of the central hat-shaped section 16 formed by wall 16' and segments 18. The base horizontal wall 20 is positioned in flush relationship to the inner surface wall 8' of side sheet 8. The vertical arrays of rivets 10 are directed through side sheet 8 and each of the walls 20 of the side post 4 for unitary securement. The opposed edges of the beams 4 include a pair of

angular sections or flanges 24 pointing inwards and 26 whereby the edge section or flange 26 projects toward outer side sheet 8 and terminates in spaced relationship to surface 8' to create a continuous vertical slot 28 for receiving an edge portion of liner 6 to be described. Although it is within the ~~the~~ scope of the invention to employ other dimensions of posts in conjunction with the invention as required, one suitable post 4 has an overall horizontal width of seven (7) inches with interior wall 16 extending two and three quarter ($2\frac{3}{4}$) inches and walls 20 extending one and one eighth ($1\frac{1}{8}$) inch each. In such a construction, the overall width of the sidewall assembly to inner face of wall 4 can be approximately 0.5 inches or less, although widths of the sidewall assembly 2 greater than 0.5 inches may be utilized.—

Amend the first paragraph beginning on page 6 and ending on page 7 as follows:

--The plastic panel or liner 6 in the form of a plastic extrusion and the like has a flat central portion 30 creating a face 32 confronting side sheet 8 and face 34 forming the interior lining wall. The light color of the liner 6 produces a lighter environment within the van or trailer. The interior face 34 is disposed generally along the same vertical plane as the interior face of wall 16' of post 4 for creating a smooth interior surface. The panel or liner 6 further is provided with vertical side portions in the form of edges offset from central portion 30 which are inserted into the slots 28 in frictional contact with side posts 4 and side sheet ~~surface wall~~ 8'. The width of the projecting edge portions are approximately equal or larger than the spacing between the side post edges or flanges 26 and the side sheet ~~surface wall~~ 8' forming the slot 28. The side panel 6 may

be comprised of a suitably flexible material which can be snapped or bent into place into the slot 28 into contact with both the inner surface 8' of sheet 8 and edge 6 of the side post 4. The plastic panel 6 comprises a single sheet extending the height of the sidewall 2 from the lower support chord 12 to the upper chord 14. Since the liner 6 is secured in the slot 28 of the adjacent posts 4, no mechanical fasteners or chemical substances are needed to secure the liner 6. It is within the scope of the invention, however, to secure the liner 6, including other modifications hereinafter described, to the post 4 by mechanical fasteners if desired.--

Amend the first full paragraph on Page 10 and ending on line 16 as follows:

--Referring now to Fig. 7, there is illustrated a fourth embodiment of the side wall assembly of the invention, generally designated by reference numeral 60a. The liner 60a is similar to side sheet 30b previously described and is disposed. The liner 60a includes a flat wall 70 having a plurality of spaced projections 72 in contact with the side sheet 8 to maintain spacing between the liner 60a and the side sheet 8 and to increase rigidity of the wall structure. An angularly oriented projection 74 having an enlarged head portion 76 is formed on the liner 60a and is arranged to resiliently engage the edge portion 24a of side post 4a. Resilience of the ~~metal~~ projection 74 is increased by relief cut-out 78. The edge portion ~~80'80~~ of the liner 60a extends over the smaller hat-shaped section 19a of the side posts 4a and includes a right angle projection 82 in contact with the wall 20a. Thus, the construction of the liner 60a interlocks with the side post 4a and generally conforms to the construction of the cross section of the liner 6a to form a continuous surface down the sidewall assembly.--